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SUBJECT: BAUXITE: DR DELEGATE TO IBA MEETING GIVES
PRESS CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE ASSOCIATION'S (IBA) MEETING IN GEORGETOWN LAST WEEK, FERNANDO PERICHE VIDAL, DIRECTOR OF THE GODR'S EXPORT PROMOTION ENTITY (CEDOPEX), MEMBER OF GODR BAUXITE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE, AND GODR REPRESENTATIVE TO IBA MEETING, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 12, WHICH WAS REPORTED NEXT DAY.

2. ACCORDING TO PERICHE, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOUND SUPPORT FOR ITS DEMANDS ON ALCOA FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE IBA. SINCE THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S APPLICATION FOR IBA MEMBERSHIP WAS APPROVED, PERICHE SEES THIS AS A SIGN THAT THE GODR'S NEGOTIATING POSITION HAS BEEN IMPROVED (REINFORCED) BY BETTER INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT.

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3. THE CEDOPEX DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE IBA WILL TAKE CHARGE AMONG OTHER THINGS OF GUARDING THE INTERESTS OF ALL ITS MEMBERS, WHICH MEANS THAT NO COUNTRY WILL ADOPT AN INDIVIDUAL POSITION BUT A COLLECTIVE ONE WHICH CAN BE SUPPORTED BY ALL THE PRODUCERS. MEANWHILE, THE IBA WAS FULLY INFORMED OF CURRENT DOMINICAN DEMANDS ON ALCOA.

4. PERICHE WAS ASKED BY PRESS IF DOMINICAN MEMBERSHIP IN IBA WOULD AFFECT THE GODR'S POSITION IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALCOA. HE REPLIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WOULD BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT VARIANCE. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT DOMINICAN DEMANDS COULD BE MODIFIED UPWARD OR DOWNWARD TO CONFORM WITH GENERAL GUIDLINES ADOPTED BY THE IBA.

5. ASIDE FROM APPROVING IBA MEMBERSHIP FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAITI, AND GHANA, PERICHE SAID THAT THE IBA HAD ESTABLISHED TWO COMMITTEES: ONE TO STUDY ASPECTS OF EXPLOITATION AND THE OTHER TO DRAFT GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN TAX POLICIES RELATED TO PRICE AND VALUE OF BAUXITE.

6. PERICHE WAS ASKED ABOUT RECENT REPORTS OF POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTE MINERALS FOR BAUXITE. HE REPLIED THAT HE CONSIDERS THESE RUMORS AN ATTEMPT BY CONSUMING COUNTRIES TO SCARE BAUXITE PRODUCERS BUT THAT THE PRODUCERS HAD CONCLUDED THAT ANY SUBSTITUTION WOULD BE TOO COSTLY.

7. PERICHE REITERATED THE DOMINICAN POSITION REGARDING ALCOA NEGOTIATIONS: NOTHING LESS THAN JAMAICA RECEIVES FOR ITS BAUXITE. ALSO, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS REQUESTED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM JAMAICA TO DETERMINE THE TRUE BAUXITE RESERVES AND A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE POSSIBLE INSTALLATION OF A PROCESSING PLANT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

8. REMARKS DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE INDICATED THAT THE THREE NEW IBA MEMBERS MUST DEPOSIT CERTAIN DOCUMENTS WITH IBA HEADQUARTERS IN JAMAICA BEFORE MEMBERSHIP BECOMES OFFICIAL.

9. THE ARTICLE REPORTING PERICHE'S COMMENTS ALSO INCLUDED UNCLASSIFIED

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REMARKS AND QUOTES FROM THE WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL (NOVEMBER 3) WHICH WAS INTERPRETED AS A SIGNAL OF A NEW USG POLICY CONCERNING US NATIONAL INTERESTS AND THOSE OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, IMPLYING THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE FORMER MAY NOT BE THOSE OF THE LATTER.
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